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INDIANA MAN SENTENCED FOR TRANSPORTING CHILD PORNOGRAPHY

WASHINGTON – An Indiana man was sentenced today in Terre Haute, Ind., to 97 months in prison on one count of transporting child pornography, Acting Assistant Attorney General Matthew Friedrich of the Criminal Division and U.S. Attorney Timothy M. Morrison of the Southern District of Indiana announced. Charles Robert Gorby, 35, of Terre Haute, also was ordered to serve a lifetime period of supervised release following his prison term.

At the July 25, 2008, plea hearing, uncontested testimony showed that in September 2007 the Vigo County, Ind., Sheriff's Department received information from the Palm Beach, Fla., Sheriff's Office that a suspect had been arrested in Florida for child pornography offenses. During the course of the investigation, e-mails from Gorby were found on the Florida man's computer that contained visual depictions of minors engaging in sexually explicit conduct. In October 2007, a search warrant was executed at Gorby's residence in Terre Haute. Subsequently, a forensic examination of Gorby's computer by the Special Investigations Section of the Indiana State Police revealed that child pornography, including images of prepubescent minors, was exchanged through several e-mails between Gorby and other Internet users.

This case emerged out of Project Safe Childhood, a nationwide initiative designed to protect children from online exploitation and abuse. Led by the U.S. Attorneys' Offices, Project Safe Childhood marshals federal, state and local resources to better locate, apprehend and prosecute individuals who exploit children via the Internet, as well as identify and rescue victims. For more information about Project Safe Childhood, please visit <http://www.projectsafechildhood.gov>.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Steven D. DeBrotta of the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Southern District of Indiana and Trial Attorney Bonnie L. Kane of the Criminal Division's Child Exploitation and Obscenity Section. The case was investigated by the Special Investigations Section of the Indiana State Police, the Indiana Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force and the Vigo County Sheriff's Department.

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